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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN PARTY CONGRESS TO BEGIN AUGUST 15

1. FOURTH ORDINARY CONGRESS OF PARTI DU PEUPLE MAURITANIEN (PPM) IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AUGUST 15 IN NOUAKCHOTT. THIRD ORDINARY CONGRESS WAS HELD IN 1968 AND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION TOOK PLACE IN 1971. IT IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT THRICE-POSTPONED FOURTH CONGRESS WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO END AUGUST 19. KEY ITEM AT CONFERENCE WILL BE DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF "RAPPORT MORAL", SECRETARY GENERAL MOKTAR OULD DADDAH'S REPORT WHICH CONTAINS FUTURE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SOCIAL GUIDELINES FOR MAURITANIA. (EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED ARABIC-LANGUAGE COPY OF REPORT.) REPRESENTATIVES OF 22 FOREIGN POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN INVITED TO CONGRESS.

2. AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT IN TOWN AS SMALL AS NOUAKCHOTT, RUMORS ARE RIFE CONCERNING DECISIONS THAT CONGRESS MIGHT TAKE. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THERE WILL BE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF MINISTERIAL CHANGES OR, AT LEAST, RESHUFFLING OF PRESENT MINISTERS. ONE RUMOR HAVING MORE CURRENCY THAN MOST INDICATES PRESENT 17 MINISTRIES WILL BE CON-

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SOLIDATED INTO EIGHT WITH SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SECRETARIES

OF STATE. THERE ARE SO MANY RUMORS, HOWEVER, THAT ONE
TENDS TO NEGATE THE OTHER.

3. IN OFF-CHANCE ANY READER OF THIS CABLE IS PLANNING
VISIT TO DOWNTOWN NOUAKCHOTT IN NEXT TWO WEEKS, WE HAVE
BEEN ADVISED THAT MINIMAL HOTEL SPACE WHICH DOES NOT EXIST,
IS FULLY BOOKED FROM AUGUST 12 THROUGH 20. SHINN

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